

Monday, December 7th, 2009

The House met at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment.

The Member for Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) made a Statement to congratulate Daniel Johnson who won first place in the Junior Canadian Ranger National Marksman Competition held at 5-Wing Goose Bay.

The Member for Bonavista North (Mr. Harding) made a Statement to congratulate Taylor Best and Allison Bragg, pupils of Lester Pearson Memorial High School, on being chosen to participate in the Olympic Torch relay.

The Member for The Straits – White Bay North (Mr. Dean) made a Statement to congratulate Karla Pilgrim, a native of Roddickton, on being nominated for an East Coast Music Award in the "Country Recording of the Year" category for her debut album "I'll Think of You".

The Member for Grand Falls – Windsor – Green Bay South (Mr. Hunter) made a Statement to congratulate Mr. Charles Weir on his 100th birthday.

The Member for Lewisporte (Mr. Verge) made a Statement to recognize the accomplishments of singer/songwriter Terry Penney of Lewisporte.

The Honourable the Minister of Education (Mr. King) made a Statement respecting needs-based grants for students applying for a student loan.

The Honourable the Minister of Human Resources, Labour & Employment (Ms. Sullivan) made a Statement respecting the transfer of responsibility for the Labour Market Development Agreement programme and services from the Federal Government to the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Honourable the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board (Mr. Marshall) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce the following Bills:

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Government Money Purchase Pension Plan Act" (Bill No. 56);

A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Members Of The House Of Assembly Retiring Allowances Act" (Bill No. 53).

The Honourable the Government House Leader (Ms. Burke) gave notice that she would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The House Of Assembly Accountability, Integrity And Administration Act" (Bill No. 54).

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The Honourable the Minister of Education (Mr. King) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled “An Act To Implement Labour Mobility” (Bill No. 55).

The Honourable the Minister of Transportation & Works (Mr. Hedderson) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Rail Service Act, 2009” (Bill No. 60).

The Honourable the Minister of Health & Community Services (Mr. Kennedy) gave notice that he would on tomorrow ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled “An Act To Amend The Occupational Therapists Act, 2005” (Bill No. 59).

The Member for Bonavista North (Mr. Harding) gave notice that he would on tomorrow move the following Resolution:

“WHEREAS rural and regional economic development has consistently been among our Government’s highest priorities since 2003;

AND WHEREAS our Government since 2003 has consistently demonstrated its commitment to rural Newfoundland and Labrador by implementing a wide range of strategic policies promoting infrastructure, natural resource development, value-added production, diversification, education, innovation, investment, entrepreneurial initiative, business success, family growth, youth retention and attraction, and a reliable social support network;

AND WHEREAS in addition to ensuring our rural communities benefit from these initiatives, the Department of Innovation, Trade and Rural Development has established funds dedicated exclusively to rural development totaling \$25 million a year, and 80 percent of the Department’s total funding in all of its programs benefits rural Newfoundland and Labrador communities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Newfoundland and Labrador House of Assembly affirms its support for the determination of the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to continue promoting the growth, prosperity and sustainability of our rural and regional economies.”

The Member for Cartwright – L’Anse au Clair (Ms. Jones) presented a Petition from certain residents of the Province calling on the House of Assembly to urge Government to examine the issue of the training of clinical psychologists and take action to ensure that Memorial University receives the funding necessary to educate the clinical psychologists required for practice in this Province.

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Pursuant to notice and on motion the following Bills were introduced and read the first time:

- A Bill, "An Act Respecting Condominiums" (Bill No. 48);
- A Bill, "An Act Respecting Public Accountants" (Bill No. 49);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Petroleum Products Act" (Bill No. 50);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The City Of Corner Brook Act, The City Of Mount Pearl Act And The City Of St. John's Act" (Bill No. 51);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The City Of Corner Brook Act, The City Of Mount Pearl Act, The City Of St. John's Act, The City Of St. John's Municipal Taxation Act And The Municipalities Act, 1999" (Bill No. 52).

On motion it was ordered that the above-noted Bills be read the second time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate commenced and concluded on Second Reading of a Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Engineers And Geoscientists Act, 2008" (Bill No. 44) and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 44 be now read the second time.

Pursuant to order and on motion the Bill entitled "An Act To Amend The Engineers And Geoscientists Act, 2008" (Bill No. 44) was read the second time and on motion it was ordered that Bill No. 44 be referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

On motion of the Honourable the Government House Leader (Ms. Burke) the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House.

The Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Osborne took the Chair of Committee of the Whole House.

The Committee considered and passed the following Bills without amendment:

- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Memorial University Pensions Act No. 2" (Bill No. 38);
- A Bill, "An Act To Amend The Vital Statistics Act, 2009" (Bill No. 42);

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- A Bill, “An Act To Repeal The Newspapers And Books Act” (Bill No. 43);
- A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Engineers And Geoscientists Act, 2008” (Bill No. 44);
- A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Victims Of Crime Services Act” (Bill No. 45).

On motion the Committee rose.

The Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole (Mr. Osborne) reported that the Committee of the Whole House had considered the matters to them referred, and had directed him to report that they had passed the following Bills without amendment:

- A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Memorial University Pensions Act No. 2” (Bill No. 38);
- A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Vital Statistics Act, 2009” (Bill No. 42);
- A Bill, “An Act To Repeal The Newspapers And Books Act” (Bill No. 43);
- A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Engineers And Geoscientists Act, 2008” (Bill No. 44);
- A Bill, “An Act To Amend The Victims Of Crime Services Act” (Bill No. 45).

On motion the report of the Committee was received and adopted and on motion it was ordered that the said Bills be read the third time on tomorrow.

Pursuant to order and on motion debate continued on the Address in Reply and on motion debate was adjourned for further debate on tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded that when the House rose it would adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, December 8th at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion the House then adjourned accordingly.

William MacKenzie,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.